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SUBJECT: SMALL STEPS IN IMPROVEMENTS OF SPANISH-PORTUGUESE
BILATERAL RELATIONS

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1. GOS HAVE TAKEN FURTHER STEPS TO RETURN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL TO A NORMAL BASIS. IT ANNOUNCED OCT 29 THAT FRONTIER AT AYAMONTE/VILA REAL DE SANTO ANTONIO (PORTUGAL) HAD BEEN OPENED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PROMISES GIVEN BY NEW GOVERNOR OF FARO PROVINCE THAT ANTI-SPANISH DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD NOT REOCCUR ON PORTUGUESE SIDE OF THIS BORDER CHECKPOINT. BORDER WAS CLOSED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AS CONSEQUENCE OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND POSTERS WITH ANTI-SPANISH SLOGANS WHICH COULD BE SEEN FROM SPANISH SIDE. NEW GOVERNOR OF FARO PROVINCE CALLED ON HIS COUNTERPART IN HUELVA OCT 23 TO WORK OUT UNDERSTANDING FOR REOPENING OF BORDER.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF PORTUGUESE NAVAL CONSTRUCTIONS,
LUIS PINTO, AND SPANISH VICE ADMIRAL RODRIGUEZ Y
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RODRIGUEZ TORRES, OFFICIATED AT THE CEREMONY IN CARTAGENA

OCT 29 TURNING OVER A NEW NAVAL CORVETTE TO THE PORTUGUESE NAVY. THIS IS THE FOURTH CORVETTE BUILT IN A SPANISH NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR THE PORTUGUESE NAVY.

3. SPANISH MFA ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT OCT 29 WITH FOLLOWING KEY POINTS: (A) THERE HAD BEEN NO SUSPENSION OR BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN WHICH APPARENTLY WAS INTENDED BY ATTACK ON SPANISH DIPLOMATIC BUILDINGS IN LISBON; (B) SPANISH CHARGE RETURNED TO LISBON OCT 22; (C) SPANISH CONSULATES IN ELVAS, VALENCAO DOMINHO HAVE REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY OPENED FOR BUSINESS AS WELL AS 29 OTHER HONORARY VICE-CONSULATES IN PORTUGAL. THE CONSULATES GENERAL IN LISBON AND OPORTO (SACKED BY RIOTERS) CONTINUE THEIR FUNCTIONS WITH THEIR LOCAL STAFFS. THE ASSIGNED PERSONNEL WILL RETURN TO THEIR POSTS AS SOON AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH NECESSITATED THEIR ABSENCE HAVE DISAPPEARED; AND (D) SPANISH EFFORTS TO PROTECT PERSONS AND EFFECTS OF SPANIARDS IN PORTUGAL HAVE NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED AT ANY TIME AND HAVE BEEN HANDLED THROUGH ADEQUATE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

4. MEDIA HAVE REPORTED COMPLAINTS BY SPANIARDS IN PORTUGAL FOR THE ALLEGED ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE SPANISH REPRESENTATION TO LOOK AFTER THEIR AFFAIRS. BEFORE THE RETURN OF THE CHARGE TO LISBON, THE MFA REPORTEDLY KEPT SOME OF ITS PERSONNEL AT BADAJOZ (SPAIN) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING SPANIARDS IN PORTUGAL FROM THIS BORDER CITY. THE GOS DOES NOT AS YET SEEM PREPARED TO RETURN ITS DIPLOMATIC STAFF TO LISBON APPARENTLY OWING TO THE CHAOTIC CONDITIONS WHICH LED THE GOS TO CONCLUDE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THAT THERE WAS NOT ADEQUATE PERSONAL SECURITY. THE TWO COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, SEEM DETERMINED TO PUT THE BEST LIGHT POSSIBLE ON THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS BY MAINTAINING PRACTICAL CONTACTS AND RESPECTING EXISTING AGREEMENTS (E.G., THE DELIVERY OF THE CORVETTE).
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